National irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh

2242. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of acute irrigation problems in Andhra Pradesh, Government propose to sanction some of the National Irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the names of projects being considered for Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to treat any river valley project in Andhra Pradesh as a National Project.

Consensus of inter-linking of rivers

2243. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to undertake a comprehensive review of the report of the task force on river-linking and the feasibility reports drawn up by the National Water Development Agency;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no consensus on inter-linking of rivers;

(c) whether Government have taken a decision to make consultations with water deficit States on inter-basin and intra-basin proposals for transfer of waters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Government envisages a comprehensive assessment of the feasibility of linking of the rivers of the country in a fully consultative manner.